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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in reference to Docket #98N-1038. As a consumer I expect that all food be labeled if it has been irradiated. I should have a clear choice in my selection of my food whether or not it has been irradiated or contains any food that has been irradiated. The labels should include the terms irradiated or treated with radiation, and use the radura symbol. Alternative terms like cold pasteurization and electronic pasteurization are misleading and should not be used.

As a parent I want to make conscious decisions as to what I buy at the grocery store. I believe that irradiation destroys vitamins and changes taste, texture, and storage qualities of food. I also believe that if irradiated food becomes the norm, health standards will be reduced in food processing and manufacturing. This is an unacceptable alternative.

Sincerely,
Bo Holland

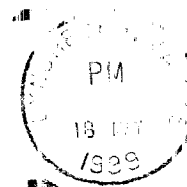


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